POWERS WRITES TO HIS WIFE

U-2 Pilot Tells of

By Associated Press

"The people here tell me that I am lucky to be alive, but only time will tell me whether or not I was lucky."

Francis Gary Powers penned these words to his . wife May 26 as he sat in a Moscow prison cell.

They were the first received by Mrs. Powers after her husband was shot down May 1, while flying a U-2 reconnaissance plane over the Soviet Union.

Since then she has received two letters, dated June 28. and July 19, Among other things, Mr. Powers reported he was permitted to smoke, take walks, sunbathe and read. He said he was getting "more than enough to eat."

The filer is to be tried by Russia on espionage charges,

beginning Aug. 17.

Excerpts from his letters were made public this week in Newsweek magazine. All the communications bore the postmark of Lubyanka Prison in Moscow.

The first letter, as published by Newsweek, said in part:

"Not knowing when somely here by myself but made me realize how rated and it helps to pass the time it plenty of time to think the sire every day that it desired time to regret past national sunbath. It has been a little

"I am sincerely with Pay. pain that you may be have for a tour of Moscow, whi Apeople are real proud of their) I am presently in.

"I am getting along dittal city. Another time I wa

more than can est and stocke remains of my plane. These ing a lot. I have been try a been out of this building.

"When I had to bell the being to happen to me. The this shin a little and carry to a is still going on. When that doctor treated them to be I don't know when the trial "That was my for common that I don't like the situation hope I will never have up in I have placed you in.

"My chute opened to be allowed to see me. I would don't remember put trial or after so that I could. "My chute opened by be allowed to see me. I would don't remember pulled and trial or after so that I could "Things happened by the set I will leave the decision." Fere but I will leave the decis

that night I was M March."

